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John B. Thomas Farmstead; Bloomington
Tuscarora vicinity
Private

Ca. 1900-1905

The John B. Thomas Farmstead is an originally agricultural complex now principally a private residence which has a circa 1900-1905 Colonial Revival dwelling with a slate hipped roof, bracketed eaves, a one-story porch, and several projecting bay windows. The farmstead also includes a frame barn, chicken house, wagon shed/corn crib, and a garage which date from about 1890 to 1920. Other non-contributing agricultural buildings are also present. The farmstead is primarily significant for the architecture of the dwelling, a good representative of the Colonial Revival style of the early 20th century, although with vinyl siding covering the probable original german siding. It exemplifies how the hipped roof, generally square plan house of the period was given historical details to give it architectural sophistication. The same plan could be used with details of the Craftsman, Renaissance Revival, Mission, or any of many popular styles of the early 20th century. The farmstead is also secondarily significant for its association with the neighboring National Register property Saleaudo (F-1-12), part of the "Bloomington" tract purchased in 1856 by John B. Thomas from Catherine Harper, one of the heirs of Charles Carroll of Carrollton. Thomas made two farms of the property, with his main residence at Saleaudo, and a second farmstead on the site of the Colonial Revival house, which apparently replaced the original farmhouse built between 1858 and 1873.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Agriculture
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/garage
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/chicken coop
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John B. Thomas Farmstead (preferred); Bloomington

and/or common Bloomfield

2. Location

street & number 1202 New Design Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Tuscarora ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Terrance L. & Evelyn J. Kohl

street & number 1202 New Design Road telephone no.:

city, town Adamstown state and zip code MD 21710

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1237

street & number 100 W. Patrick St. folio 239

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MHT Inventory of Historic Properties F-1-161

date 1982 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state MD

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-161

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 4

The John B. Thomas Farmstead is a formerly agricultural complex now principally a private residence centered on a 2-1/2 story frame dwelling in the Colonial Revival style built about 1900-1905 with mid-20th century alterations with three contributing outbuildings of about the same period, a garage, a chicken house, a wagon shed/corn crib, and a frame barn. The property also contains several non-contributing structures of recent date. The farmstead is located on the west side of New Design Road north of Tuscarora Road near Tuscarora, Frederick County, Maryland. The building group is on flat open agricultural land with several large trees located around the immediate grounds of the dwelling. Access to the property from New Design Road is by a long driveway entered through a cut in a low berm along the edge of the road. Dates for the farmstead building were estimated from architectural evidence and land records.

The dwelling's principal elevation faces east toward the driveway and has 5 bays with a one-story porch with Tuscan columns across the facade. The exterior is covered with vinyl siding, probably covering original german siding, and the hipped roof is patterned slate with dormers and interior end chimneys. The eaves are extended and ornamented with brackets. The entrance is in the center bay and has a transom and oversized sidelights. The door has a central glazed panel. The windows are 6/1 with replacement shutters. The dormer has three windows with 1, replacement sash. The north elevation has three irregular bays with a polygonal first story bay near the northwest corner. The windows on this elevation are multi-paned casements on the first story and in the dormer and 1/1 replacements on the second story. The south elevation also has three irregular bays, with a secondary entrance under a standing seam shed roofed hood on large brackets. The casement sash as well as 1/1 and 6/1 sash are present in the windows. The west elevation has a projecting two-story section at the southwest corner with an open porch on the second story. The irregular bay arrangement is again visible with varying sash as on the south elevation, with 6/1, 1/1, and casements. A third chimney is located near the northwest corner of the projection. The interior was not accessible for this survey.

Garage: A small frame garage with tongue-and-groove and german siding is located southwest of the house on the south edge of the driveway which runs around the southern edge of the farmstead toward the agricultural group west of the house. The garage has sliding tongue-and-groove doors on the north elevation and a standing seam metal gable roof. Its construction materials indicate a date probably contemporary with the house.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed is located near the western edge of the farmstead and is flanked by non-contributing concrete block buildings. It has extensions on its east and west elevations for additional equipment storage. The exterior is covered with vertical board siding and the gable roof has both standing seam metal and original wood shingles. The building probably dates from about 1900.

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8. Significance

Survey No. F-1-161

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1910–1905

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The John B. Thomas Farmstead is principally significant for the Colonial Revival architecture of the dwelling, although its exterior covering and some of its windows have been replaced with modern materials. The essential massing of the house remains intact, with the typical bay windows, wide porch, overhanging bracketed eaves which characterize the style in the early 20th century. The term Colonial Revival in this period mainly refers to the decorative details, since the same five-bay plan with a slate hipped roof and dormers was the basic form of the period about 1890 to 1920. Various historically based decorative details such as moldings, brackets, surface treatments, and cornice and roofline projections could be used to give the basically square plan the suggestion of the Craftsman style, the Renaissance Revival style, the Mission style, or any other architectural reference. The Thomas Farmstead is secondarily significant for its association with Saleaudo (F-1-12; National Register), the neighboring farm to the north. The two properties were both part of John B. Thomas' 1856 purchase of 322 acres of Carrollton Manor from Catherine Harper, one of the heirs of Charles Carroll of Carrollton. On the Isaac Bond map of 1858, J. B. Thomas is shown as the owner of the residence later named "Saleaudo" in the mid-20th century. The subject Thomas Farmstead is not shown, indicating that it was built after that date. The Titus Atlas map of 1873 shows the entire property was called "Bloomington". The second farm in the property, the Thomas Farmstead, is shown near the main residence of Col. John B. Thomas, with the straight line of the driveway as it currently exists. The structure then extant was apparently the predecessor of the present dwelling. The only building dating from 1873 that may still exist is the barn. It is unclear who built the existing house from the available research. The possible builders include J. Travers Thomas, David D. Thomas, and James U. Bell, all of whom owned the property from 1900 through 1937.

John B. Thomas (1819–1892) was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates and of the Constitutional Convention of 1867. He served as a County Commissioner and was a Southern sympathizer in the Civil War, as were most of the slave-owning property owners in the Adamstown Region. In 1860, he received a commission as colonel from the governor, presumably as one of the organizers of the Manor Mounted Guards, a military cavalry militia whose members were from the families of the prominent landowners of Carrollton Manor. It was disbanded at the beginning of the Civil War and some of its members enlisted in the Confederate Army. In 1873, Col. Thomas retired from farming, moved to Frederick, and opened a real estate office. John B. Thomas was among those hurt in the wreck of an excursion train on the B&O

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-161

Grove, William J. History of Carrollton Manor. Frederick: Marken & Bielfeld, Inc., 1928, pp. 167-168
Land Records of Frederick County
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 10 acresQuadrangle name Buckeystown, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 10 acres centered on the main dwelling and including the agricultural outbuildings on Tax Map 109, Parcel 14.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date April 1993street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2038

7.1 Description (Continued)

Chicken house: The frame chicken house is located north of the dwelling and has a shed standing seam metal roof with vertical siding. The south elevation has a band of windows and a vertical board door is located near the southeast corner. It was probably built about 1920.

Barn: The frame barn at the west edge of the farmstead has two sections, principally marked by an offset on the east elevation. The exterior is covered with tongue-and-groove siding and multiple groups of sliding doors are located on the east elevation. A shed canopy extends over part of the east elevation. The gable roof is corrugated metal. The materials of the barn suggest a construction date of about 1890 with probable extensions in the early 20th century.

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8.1 Significance (Continued)

line east of Point of Rocks which occurred on June 12, 1877, in which many prominent Frederick County citizens were killed or injured.

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9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910.
Reprinted Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, 1412.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Bloomfield Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1202 New Design Road

CITY, TOWN

Tuscarora

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

N/A

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

STREET & NUMBER

Telephone #:

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bloomfield Farm is located at 1202 New Design Road, east of Point of Rocks in southern Frederick County. It is situated at the end of a long dirt driveway leading from the west side of New Design Road, directly north of Route 28. The complex contains a very large Cononial Revival style farmhouse, with numerous barns and other agricultural outbuildings to the west of the house. The house is 2½ stories high, five bays wide, and of frame construction. It has a hip roof and dormer windows. The principal (east) facade contains a central doorway with transom and sidelights, and has a one-story wooden porch. The entire property appears to be well maintained and in excellent condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bloomfield Farm is significant architecturally for its large, well-preserved farmhouse, a fine example of the Colonial Revival style of the early 20th century. It is unusual to find such an imposing house from this period and in this style in the area between Point of Rocks and Adamstown. The complex also contains a good collection of agricultural buildings (also in good condition), and the property remains in agricultural use.

The house is shown on a 1913 U.S. Geological Survey topographic map of Frederick County. This property may possibly be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Maryland Geological Survey, Atlas of Frederick County,
(topographic maps), 1913.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Peggy Bruns Weissman, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

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DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

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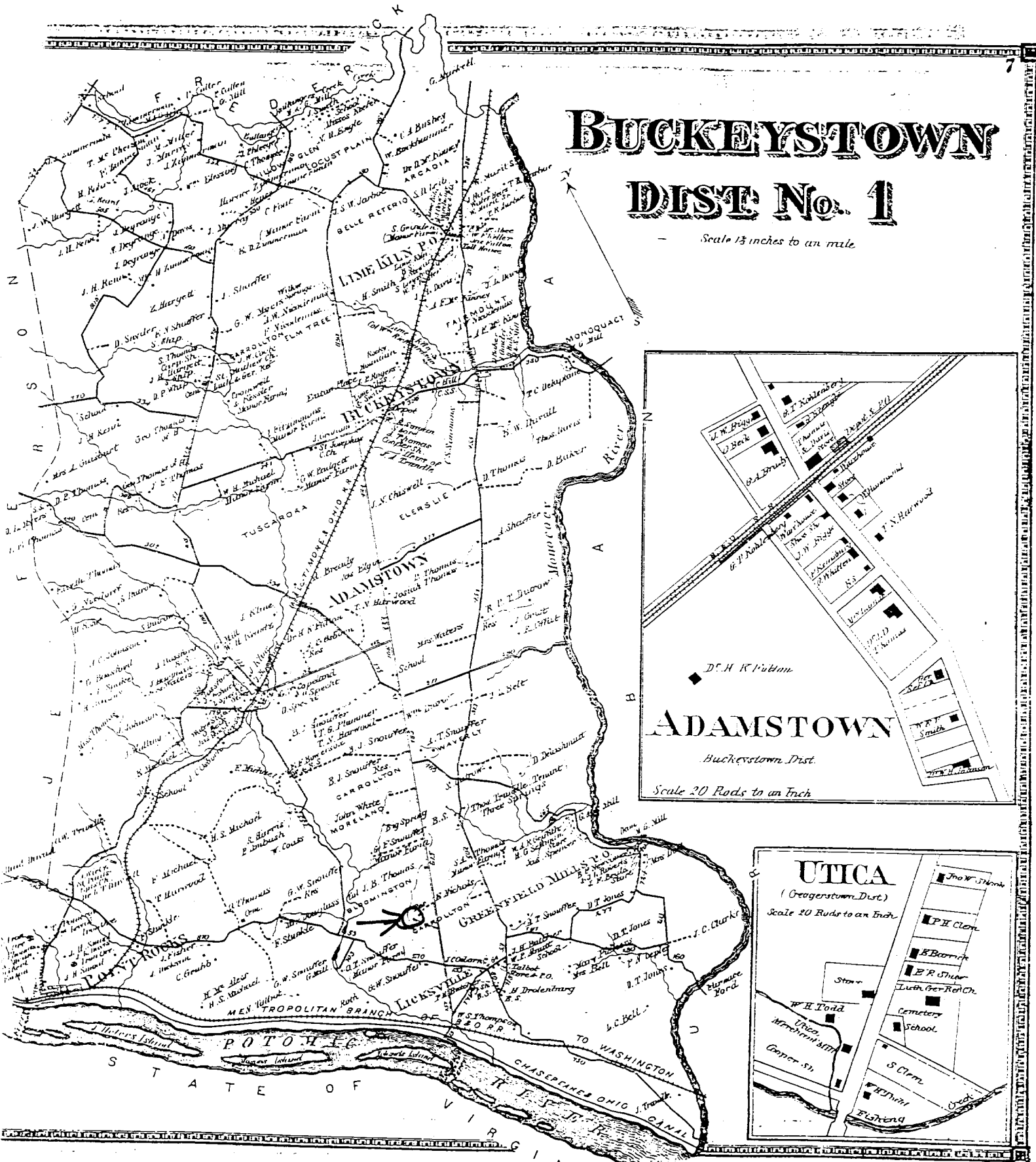
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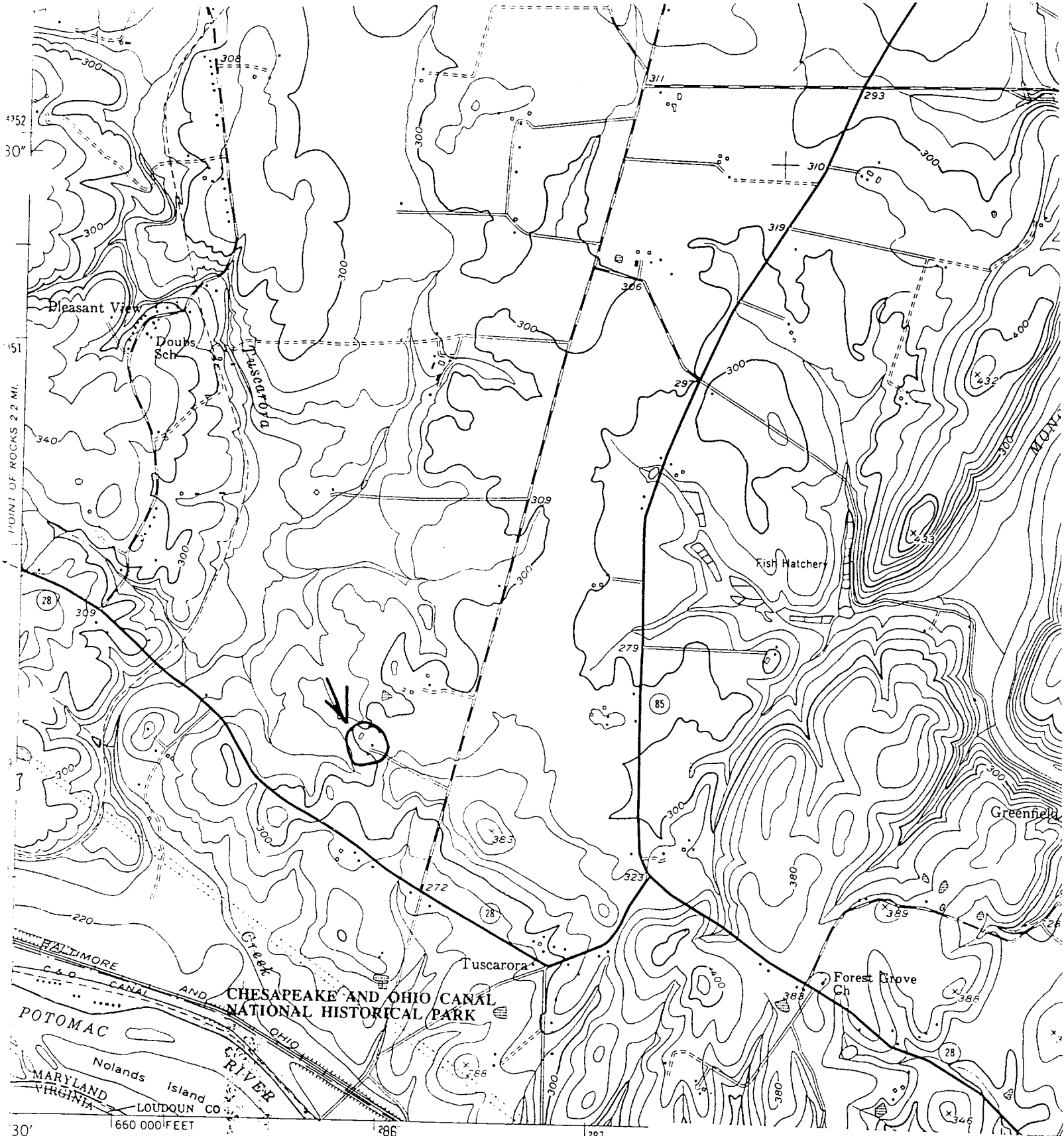
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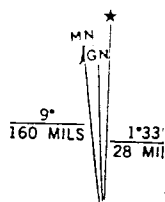
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541/435 31 Jan 55	John W. + Hazel L. Hepkins	Mary V. Bell + Annetta J. Deterding			166 A., 1 R., 4 sq. p.
407/168 4 May 37	James V. Bell + Alice L. Bell, his sister	Carl W. Snook unmarried	part of "Carrollton Manor"		
407/168 4 May 37	Carl W. Snook	James M. Bell			
HWB 294/47 1 Jul 10	James V. Bell	David D. + Harriett A. Thomas			
DHH 7/209 27 Aug 1900	David D. Thomas	J. Travers Thomas			
JLS 5/576 27 Feb 1894	J. Travers Thomas	David D. Thomas, acting Exec. of John B. Thomas, dec.			
BOF 5/47037 28 Dec 1859	John B. Thomas	George Topham et al			
ES 10/44 18 Dec 1856	John B. Thomas	Catherine Harper			



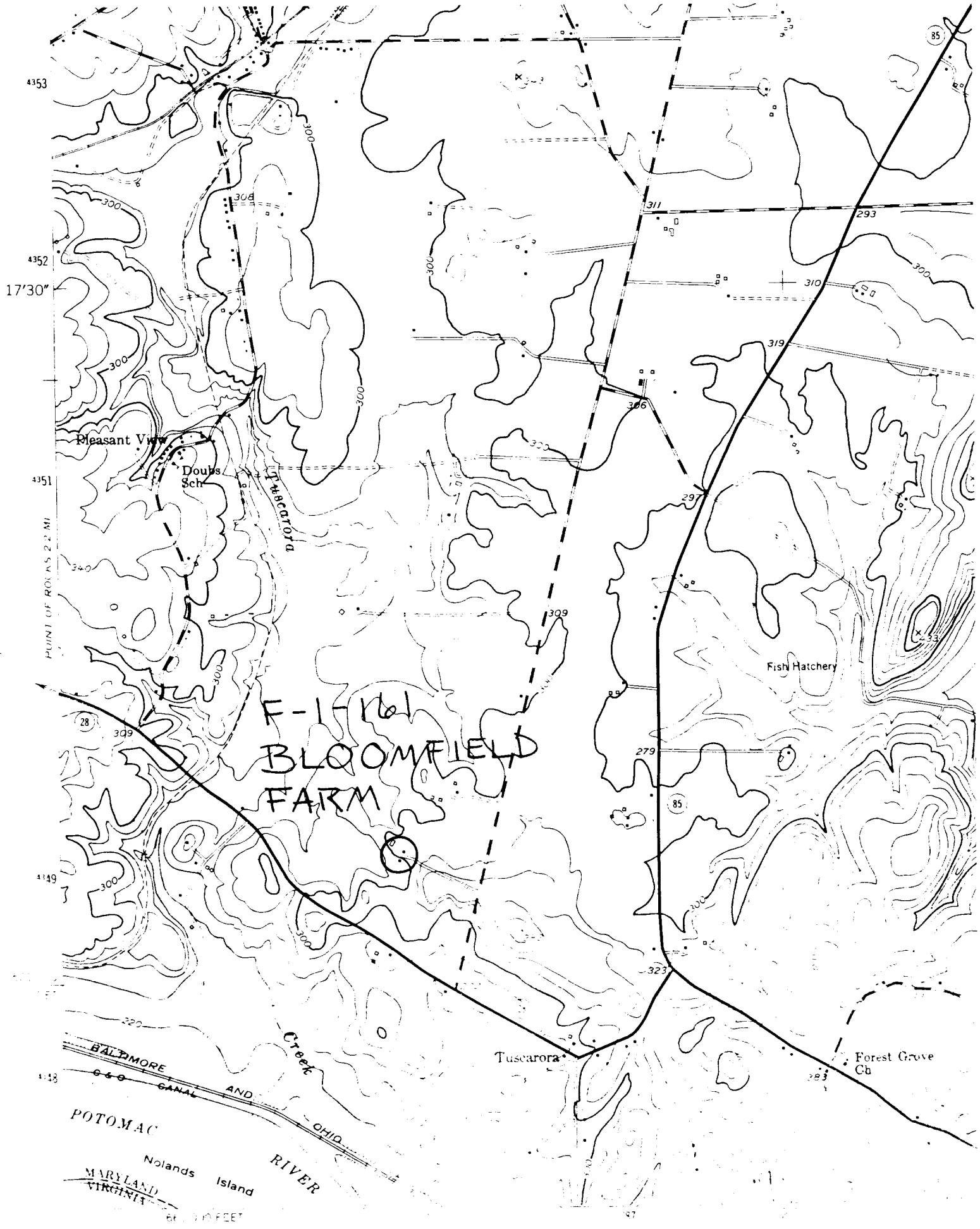
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 C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
 County, 1873



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 Edited and published by the Geological Survey
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 Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
 taken 1943. Revised by the Geological Survey 1952
 Projection: 10,000-foot grid ticks based on Maryland
 coordinate system
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,



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BLOOMFIELD
FARM

BALTIMORE
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POTOMAC
RIVER

Nolands Island
MARYLAND
VIRGINIA

Fish Hatchery

Tuscarora

Forest Grove
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POINT OF ROCKS 2.2 MI



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John E. Thomas, Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo Target Tower

April 2002

Norfolk, VA, Brown & Co

Exhibition

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Feb 2

John L. Thompson: For a day

Frederick Jones

Photo: Janet Jones

Apr 11

Frederick Jones: For a day

West Clayton

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John E. Thomas Farm Loan

Frederick County

Frederick County, Md.

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George Washington & Company, Inc.

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File

Leht B. Thomas Farmstead

Fredrick County

Photo: West Lane

Apr. 1933

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Chicken house, corner + corner view

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John E. Thomas Townsend

Frederick County

Photo. Inset Town

April 1911

Near

Bar, east of ...

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John B. Thomas Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

April '93.

Reg. to: N.W. S.M. S. Crumrine & Ed

Wagon and other equipment

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